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FOREIGN AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1. GENERAL

- a. The laws of the United States prescribe that any present, decoration, or other thing which shall be conferred on or presented to any officer of the United States, civil, military, or naval, by any foreign government, shall be tendered through the Department of State and not to the individual in person, and, further, that such awards or decorations shall not be delivered by the Department of State unless authorized by Congress.
- b. To implement these laws every executive department and establishment is required periodically to compile and submit to the Secretary of State a list of its retired personnel on whom such awards and decorations have been conferred, and for the acceptance of which such executive department or establishment desires to request the consent of Congress.
- c. Notwithstanding the above and in the interests of the security of foreign intelligence activities of the U. S. Government, this Agency is exempted by law from the provisions of any law requiring the publication or disclosure of the names of personnel employed by the Agency.

2. POLICY

- a. Presents or awards of any kind from any foreign government may not be accepted for themselves by personnel of this Agency. Presents from officers or employees of foreign governments are considered to be presents from their governments unless convincing evidence to the contrary is submitted.
- b. Presents to members of the immediate family of a person engaged by this Agency will be treated as presents to that person for the purposes of this regulation.

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- c. Where the circumstances surrounding a presentation prevent refusal or return of the gifts, it will be deemed to have been accepted on behalf of the United States Government and will upon acceptance become property of the United States Government.
- d. If the present is a decoration or other thing of honorary rather than monetary value, it shall be reported, as provided below, to the Secretary of State, if security considerations allow, for the purpose of requesting Congressional permission to deliver it to the recipient.
- e. Disposition of gifts of insignificant intrinsic value, including token amounts of consumables or perishables, is not governed by this regulation, and such gifts may be utilized for Agency purposes or for the benefit of Agency personnel as may be appropriate in each instance.
- f. This regulation does not govern the acceptance of foreign decorations by military personnel when authorized by legislative enactment.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. GENERAL

Any United States citizen engaged by the Central Intelligence Agency who is tendered a present, decoration, or other thing, by a foreign government will immediately report the circumstances in writing (see paragraph 4 below).

b. DEPUTY DIRECTORS

Each Deputy Director shall be responsible for reviewing each report of the award of a present, decoration, or other thing submitted through his office to the Director of Personnel and shall advise the Director of Personnel of any circumstances wherein the inclusion, in the Agency report to the Secretary of State, of the name of the individual concerned might be prejudicial to the security of Agency activities.

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c. DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

The Director of Personnel shall:

(1) Review each report submitted and determine appropriate action to be taken in each case. Upon receipt of such reports, the Director of Personnel will advise the individual concerned what further action may be required of him respecting disposition of the present, decoration, or other honor.

(2) Retain or forward to the Secretary of State, as security considerations dictate, such presents, decorations, or other things where it has been determined that Congressional permission to deliver the award to the recipient should be requested.

(3) Compile for the Director such reports as may be required with respect to retired personnel and the submission to Congress by the Department of State of requests for authorization for acceptance by such retired personnel.

(4) Notify the Honor Awards Board of each award received by Agency personnel from a foreign government or representative.

(5) Make provision for appropriate storage or other disposition of presents, decorations, or other things which have been accepted on behalf of the United States Government.

(6) Report to the DCI instances of non-compliance with this regulation.

d. DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

The Director of Logistics shall provide such storage and maintenance of presents, decorations, and awards as deemed necessary by the Director of Personnel.

e. REPORTS

All reports required by this regulation shall be addressed to the Director of Personnel and submitted through normal administrative

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channels to the Deputy Director concerned who will forward them to the Director of Personnel. The reports shall be prepared in memorandum form and shall include the full name of the recipient, the name of the donor government, the name, title, or other identification of the present, decoration, or other thing, and such other information concerning the basis for the award as may clearly illustrate the underlying circumstances.